(d) Licence for sale of pesticide of the dealer is also revoked or suspended under section 14 in case of violation of the conditions of licence or provisions of the Act/Rules except when he proves that he was not responsible for contravention of provisions in terms of section 30(3) of the Act.

(e) A pesticide is tested against laid down standards and, in case it fails to meet the standards, it is called 'misbranded' as defined under the Act. Development of resistance among pests is a different issue as a registered pesticide conforming to the prescribed standards may also face the problem of resistance.

Export of food items

†2475. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

SHRI SHIVANAND TIWARI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that prices of fruits, vegetables and other food items have increased sharply over the years;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that export of these food items has increased during these years;

(c) if so, the break-up of export value of fruits, vegetables and processed food items during the year 2008-09 and first six months of year 2009-10; and

(d) the percentage their values exceed by against those of previous years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K.V. THOMAS): (a) Increase in prices of primary agriculture products (which includes fruits, vegetables and other food items) in October 2009 on year basis was as under:

Fruits	5.83%
Vegetables	17.02%
Other food items	4.88%
Cereals	11.80%
Pulses	22.81%

(b) to (d) Export of fruits, vegetables and processed foods during 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10 (April-June 2009) and percentage increase in 2008-09 over 2007-08 is given below:-

(value in Rs. lakh)

	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	Percentage increase in 2008-09 over 2007-08
Fruits	146559	194531	58992	32.73%
Vegetables	147789	245374	62826	66%
Processed foods	579050	755919	149971	30.54%

*Provisional data from DGCIS currently available only for first three months of 2009-10. (Source: APEDA)